

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Claim Status

Claims 1-29 are pending in the application and have been rejected. Of these, claims 1, 2, 7-12, 17 and 24-29 are independent in form. By this amendment, claims 18-21 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer, and claims 1, 2, 7-12, 17 and 24-29 are herein amended as set forth above and explained below. No new matter has been added.

Objections to Drawings

The Examiner has objected to the drawings as allegedly failing to comply with 37 CFR 1.84(p)(5) because they include reference characters not mentioned in the specification. (See ¶2, page 2 of the Office Action.) Specifically the Examiner identifies S502 and S503 from Fig. 6, S1413 from Fig. 16, 1401-1405 from Fig. 26, and 1501 and 1503 from Fig. 27 as not being mentioned in the written description but appearing in the figures.

With regard to Figs. 6 and 16, Applicant has amended the corresponding written description to include reference characters S502, S503 and S1413, as shown above in the **Amendments To The Specification** section of this paper.

With respect to Figs. 26 and 27, these figures relate to a modified example of Figs. 13 and 14. Applicant has amended figures 26 and 27 to include reference numerals consistent with those in the written description, as specified in the **Amendments To The**

Drawings section of this paper. Annotated sheets are attached hereto for reference to show the actual changes made (which are circled in red) to Figs. 26 and 27.

A Submission of Formal Drawings with replacement sheets reflecting the amendments to Figs. 26 and 27 is filed concurrently herewith.

Applicant respectfully submits that these objections are hereby satisfied and respectfully request that they be withdrawn.

Claim Objections

Claims 18-21 have been objected to for stated informalities- specifically that claims 18 and 19 and claims 20 and 21 are duplicate claims.

Claims 18-21 are herein canceled, rendering the respective objections moot. Applicant respectfully requests these objections be withdrawn.

Rejections Under 35 USC § 101

Claims 9, 28 and 29 have been rejected under 35 USC § 101 as allegedly being directed to non-statutory subject matter. (See, ¶¶9-10, pages 3-4 of the Office Action.)

Specifically, the Examiner contends that “‘A program...’ is deemed non-statutory subject matter unless implemented on a computer-readable medium.”

Applicant has amended the preamble of each of these claims to recite “A computer readable medium encoded with a computer readable program” which Applicant respectfully submits recites statutory subject matter. Applicant respectfully submits that

these rejections under 35 USC § 101 are hereby overcome or otherwise rendered moot and that they be withdrawn.

Rejections under 35 USC § 102(e)

Claims 1, 2, 7-12, 17 and 24-29 have been rejected under 35 USC § 102(e) as allegedly being anticipated by Tsujimoto, U.S. Patent No. 6,271,841 (“Tsujimoto”).

The Examiner has taken the position that Tsujimoto teaches the present invention as claimed. (See ¶6-7, pages 3-5 of the Office Action.)

Applicant respectfully disagrees and traverses these rejections. Applicant respectfully submits the invention as recited in the amended claims to be patentable over the art of record.

The present invention includes an information processing system comprising, *inter alia*, a voice output that outputs the received news information in an order predetermined based on both the content and type or genre of the news information. The present invention also includes accepting a designation of type of said news information from a user by voice.

By contrast, the information processor disclosed in Tsujimoto does not output received news information in an order based on type or genre of the news information and does not accept a designation of type or genre of news information from a user by voice. Rather, the processor in Tsujimoto only compares received information with predetermined information for a character string such as the word “weather” for correspondence. See e.g., Col. 7, line 60 – col. 8, line 23. Thus, Tsujimoto fails to disclose at least outputting or transmitting received news information based on the type or genre of the news information

and fails to disclose accepting a designation of type or genre of news information from a user by voice.

Claims 1, 2, 7-9, 17 and 24-29 are herein amended to further clarify the claimed invention, as shown here for example with respect to claim 1- claims 2, 7-9, 17 and 24-29 are similarly amended:

1. (Currently amended) An information processing system comprising a transmitting apparatus for transmitting news information, and a receiving apparatus communicably connected to said transmitting apparatus for receiving the news information, wherein said receiving apparatus includes:

voice output means for outputting the content of the received news information as voice in an order predetermined for every genre of news information based upon the content of the news information; and

display means for displaying an animation, which imitates a speaking individual, in conformity with the output of said voice,

wherein the genre is capable of being accepted by a designation from a user by voice.

Applicant believes that the present invention as claimed is not taught or suggested in, and thus neither anticipated by nor rendered obvious in view of the art of record, taken alone or in combination.

Dependent Claims

Applicant has not independently addressed the rejections of the dependent claims. Applicant submits that, in view of the amendments to the claims presented herein and, for at least similar reasons as to why the independent claims from which the dependent claims depend are believed allowable as discussed *supra*, the dependent claims are also allowable. Applicant however, reserves the right to address any individual rejections of the

dependent claims and present independent bases for allowance should such be necessary or appropriate.

For example, claim 5 has been rejected under 35 USC being unpatentable over Tsujimoto in view of Ahmad et al. (USP 6,263,507) (“Ahmad”). Applicant respectfully submits that a characteristic of claim 5 is to preferentially output content of more important fresh news among a plurality of contents of fresh news. Thus, an output order is changed according to the degree of importance of the content of fresh news.

By contrast, Ahmad teaches to output relevant uncategorized segments similar to a categorized segment, which is not a change of an output order. Thus claim 5 is believed allowable over the art of record for at least this additional reason.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicant submits that the claims as herein presented are allowable over the prior art of record, taken alone or in combination, and that the respective rejections and objections, being hereby overcome, be withdrawn. Applicant further submits that the application is hereby placed in condition for allowance which action is respectfully requested.

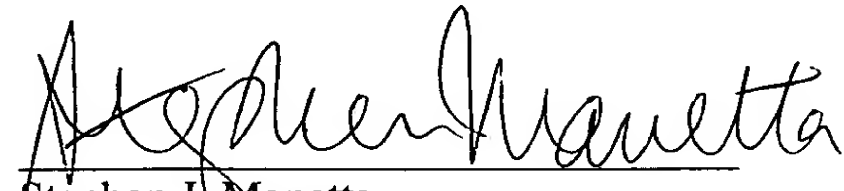
Applicant believes no extension of time is required for the filing of this paper and that no fees are due. However, should additional fees be due, or should an extension of time be necessary to render this filing timely, such extension is hereby petitioned, and the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for this paper, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 13-4500, Order No. 1232-4775.

In the event that a telephone conference would facilitate prosecution, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the number provided.

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Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached sheets of annotated drawings include changes to Figs. 26 and 27.

As explained in detail below, the above figures are amended as follows:

Figure 26:

Reference numbers 1401, 1402, 1403, 1404 and 1405 are amended to read 1201, 1302, 1202, 1304 and 1203 respectively.

Figure 27:

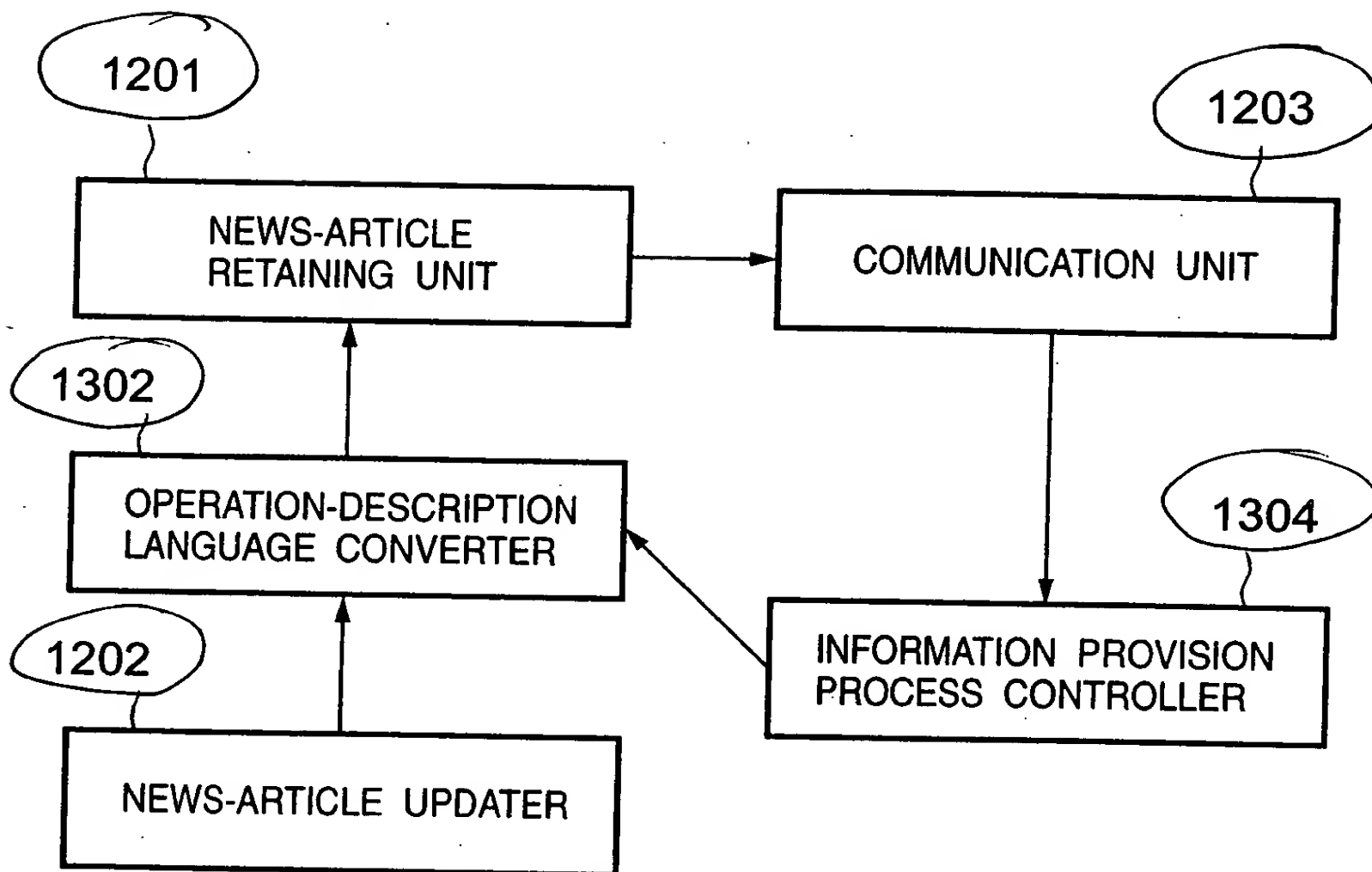
Reference numbers 1501, 1502 and 1503 are amended to read 1301, 1303 and 1305 respectively.

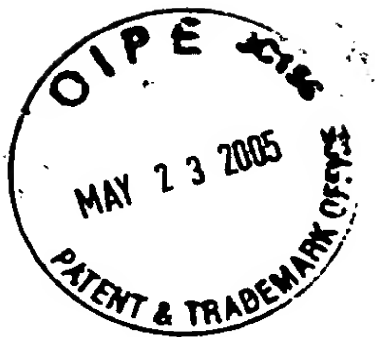
Attachments:

Annotated Sheets showing changes from the immediate prior drawings.

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FIG. 26





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FIG. 27

